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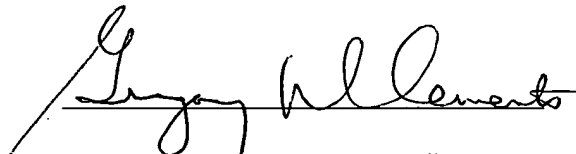
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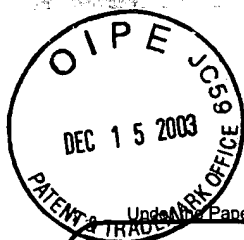
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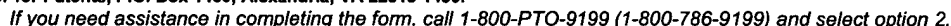
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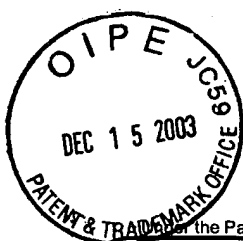
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		CA DEPT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Technical Bulletin 129, Flammability Test Procedure for Mattresses for Use in Public Buildings, October 1992, 31 pp., State of CA,	✓
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		CA DEPT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Technical Bulletins 603-Requirements and Test Procedure for Resistance of a Mattress/Box Spring Set to a Large Open Flame, 7/2003 29pps	✓
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